

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

AUGUST 10, 2010

The California Enterprise Zone Program was created to stimulate economic growth in economically distressed areas throughout the State of California. The Enterprise Zone Program is a 15-year designation that seeks to generate new private sector investment and growth through the award of State tax credits and incentives.

On April 15, 2010, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a request for applications for Enterprise Zone designation to fill two expiring Enterprise Zones statewide. Applications must be completed and submitted to HCD by September 15, 2010. During this application period, the County of Los Angeles (County) and the City of Santa Clarita are applying for reconfiguration and expansion of the City's existing Enterprise Zone.

The application for a multi-jurisdictional Enterprise Zone, to be called the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone, will encompass approximately 4,700 acres of commercial and industrial land in unincorporated portions of the Santa Clarita Valley. The City of Santa Clarita currently administers an Enterprise Zone that was designated in 2007. Therefore, if the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone application is successful, the joint County/City application would replace the City's current Enterprise Zone, keeping available the two Enterprise Zone openings for the rest of the State. The County will work cooperatively with the City of Santa Clarita, the lead jurisdiction, to implement and maintain the Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles to act as an agent of the County in the submission of the application and administration of the joint Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone with the City of Santa Clarita.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign, upon presentation, a Resolution that will support a joint Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone application with the City of Santa Clarita.

I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission (Commission) to act as an agent of the County of Los Angeles for the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone applications, as a joint application with the City of Santa Clarita; submit to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) an Enterprise Zone application, as a joint applicant with the City of Santa Clarita; and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to prepare, execute and submit all documents related to the joint Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone application.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HCD to establish the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone, if selected for designation; and authorize the Executive Director to prepare, execute, and/or submit any other documents necessary for establishment of the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone.
3. Find that submission of an application to the State of California to establish portions of unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley as a State Enterprise Zone is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR DESIGNATION OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles finds that the unincorporated portions of the Santa Clarita Valley included in the Enterprise Zone application area are economically depressed and that designation of the area as an Enterprise Zone is necessary in order to attract private sector investment to the application area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles will submit a joint application with the City of Santa Clarita for the purposes of the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone for designation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles authorizes and supports job development, job creation and economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission) is authorized to act as an agent of the County for the purposes of the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone (Enterprise Zone) application for designation; and
2. The Commission will submit an application with the City of Santa Clarita to be designated as an Enterprise Zone; and
3. The Commission will make staffing available to maintain record-keeping, monthly updates on zone activities, and to discuss these activities with the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) program auditors; and
4. The Commission will develop a self-evaluation process to measure its progress in meeting its goals and objectives; and, that this process shall be submitted to the Department for review, approval and inclusion in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to final designation; and
5. The Commission agrees to complete all actions stated within the application that apply to its jurisdiction should the proposed Enterprise Zone be awarded designation; and

6. The Executive Director of the Commission, or his designee, is authorized to sign the application, the MOU and other documents necessary for the implementation of the Enterprise Zone; and
7. The Commission, acting as the agent of the County, will work cooperatively with the City of Santa Clarita, the lead jurisdiction, to implement and maintain the Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years.

The foregoing Resolution was on this _____ day of _____, 2010
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrea Sheridan Ordin
County Counsel

By Behnaz Jashakona
Deputy

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy